GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4300
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KUDREMUKH IRON ORE COMPANY
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kudremukh Iron Ore Company is a 100% Export Oriented and profit making PSU;

(b) if so, the profit earned by the company during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that Kudremukh Iron Ore Company has suspended mining operation since July 25, 2001; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The net profit earned by the Company during the last three years was as under:

Year	Net profit after Tax (Rs. in crores)
2000-2001	58.50
1999-2000	58.51
1998-1999	18.53

(c) KIOCL had stopped its mining activities from July 25, 2001 to August 3, 2001.

(d) KIOCL was given a mining lease for a period of 30 years which expired in July, 1999. Subsequently, KIOCL was given two temporary work permits for a period of one year each. In accordance with this permit, the mining operations were being carried out. However, the validity period of the second work permit expired on 24th July, 2001. Since the company did not have long term renewal of its mining lease and also in the absence of further extension of the work permit, KIOCL had to stop the mining operations on 25.7.2001. The Government of India/Government of Karnataka has granted working permission for an additional period of 3 months to the Company to continue the mining operations. With this, the mining operations recommenced from 4th August, 2001.